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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Members of Enthoven's  
Staff on Future Military Estimates

1. On 28 February Ed Proctor and I spent three hours with Benington, Hoffman, Selin, Niemela, and Seidel. (see attached chart)
2. In discussing future NIPP work, Hoffman agreed that full annual revisions of Sections IV-VI (costing, manpower, and nuclear implications) will not be necessary in the future. His chief interests, as far as new work is concerned, are intelligence leadtimes, China NIPP, and East European NIPP, in that order.
3. Selin took a new and fresh line. He asserted that US planning for strategic offense is extremely prudent so far as maintaining the assured damage capability, and that we spend enormous sums for this purpose to meet all kinds of possible Soviet threats. Selin would like intelligence to tell him some things the USSR is not going to do, so that he can save some money. Example: if DoD were told there would be no Soviet ABM deployment before 1972, it would stretch out (and save on) the Poseidon program and skip its first-generation MIRV, which has many limitations, in order to develop a second-generation version which has already been thought out.
4. Selin identified ABM and MIRV (including CEP) as his key problems, of far more interest than numbers of missiles, mobility, hardness, etc. Niemela had very little to say.

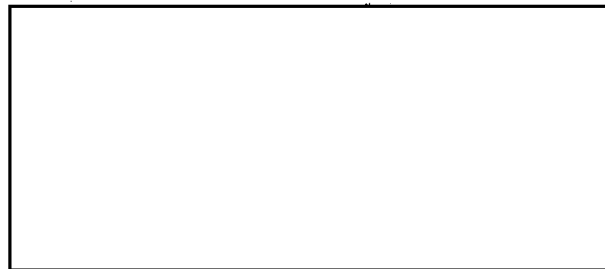
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5. These fellows want to work very closely with CIA on some new projects, and claim they're willing to make inputs. Selin is interested in starting a big interaction study and in getting us to undertake a new kind of targeting study. We were cool on these specifics but warm on cooperation.

6. The next move is up to them. They (Selin) *OK* will prepare a list of the assumptions which they habitually make (usually implicitly) about the USSR in approaching their own planning and bring it out to Langley for the next discussion. Our side should include Proctor, ONE, ORR, JAG, and possibly OSI.



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